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SUBJECT: CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF COMMUNIST PARTY HELD TWO-DAY PLENUM DECEMBER 10-11 WHICH, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS AND JUDGING FROM PUBLISHED LIST OF SPEAKERS, DEVOTED LARGELY TO DOMESTIC ECONOMIC MATTERS. IN ADDITION TO GIVING ITS SEAL OF APPROVAL TO 1974 PLAN AND GOVERNMENT BUDGET WHICH WILL NOW BE PRESENTED TO SESSION OF SUPREME SOVIET CONVENING DEC 12, PLENUM HEARD "MAJOR ADDRESS" BY GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV.

2. ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SPEAKERS ADDRESSED PLENUM THIS YEAR THAN AT ONE-DAY PLENUM LAST DECEMBER (23 VERSUS 8), THEIR COMPOSITION REMAINED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. AS LAST YEAR, ONLY FULL MEMBER OF POLITBURO TO ADDRESS PLENUM (ASIDE FROM BREZHNEV) WAS UKRAINIAN FIRST SECRETARY SHCHERBITSKIY, AN OLD BREZHNEV ALLY. ALSO LISTED AS PARTICIPATING IN DEBATE, ALTHOUGH NOT CC MEMBER, WAS GEORGIAN FIRST SECRETARY SHEVARDNADZE WHO PROBABLY REPORTED ON HIS EFFORTS TO REFORM

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SITUATION IN THAT REPUBLIC.

3. RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY PLENUM AT CONCLUSION OF ITS
WORK MENTIONS BREZHNEV TWICE AND APPEARS TO REFLECT FURTHER
RISE IN HIS STATUS AS PRIMUS INTER PARES. WHILE "FULLY AND
COMPLETELY" APPROVING ACTIVITIES OF POLITBURO IN CARRYING
OUT DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES ADOPTED AT
24TH PARTY CONGRESS, RESOLUTION ALSO APPROVED "POINTS AND
CONCLUSIONS" SET FORTH IN BREZHNEV'S SPEECH. AT SAME TIME,
PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WERE EXHORTED TO BE GUIDED BY BREZHNEV'S
SPEECH IN WORKING TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS OF 1974 PLAN.
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